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SUBJECT: MALDIVES WILL LIKELY SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL,  
STILL DISCUSSING OTHER UN REFORMS

REF: STATE 4746

Classified By: DCM JAMES ENTWISTLE FOR REASONS 1.4(b) and (d)

(C) DCM presented Reftel demarche to Maldivian Foreign Minister Ahmed Shaheed in Male' February 12. Shaheed said that the Government of the Republic of Maldives is still considering UN reform issues, but is generally sympathetic to the U.S. position. Shaheed noted that his government strongly supported the Human Rights Council concept, all the way up to President Gayoom, who called it "a great idea" when Shaheed briefed him on it.  
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